

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Washington State Patrol hosts Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp**

Applications are currently being accepted for the 26th Annual Washington State Patrol-Kiwanis Youth Law Enforcement Career Camp to be held at the Washington State Patrol Academy, July 11 through July 16, 2004. Applications can be downloaded from the Internet on the Washington State Patrol Home Page under "In the Community" <http://www.wsp.wa.gov/comunity/cominvol.htm>.

The Washington State Patrol and other police departments provide officers as staff members to instruct and to be counselors to the students. This gives students a variety of experiences and expertise in other areas of federal, state, county, and local law enforcement. This academy is sponsored and paid for by the Kiwanis Club.

Some of the most popular classes are demonstrations from the Washington State Patrol SWAT Team, K-9, driving course, and defensive tactics. We also have guest speakers from various agencies to provide first hand information to the students.

The purpose of the career camp is to provide selected high school juniors and seniors, with an interest in a career in law enforcement, an opportunity to explore the various areas of job opportunities in that field. It offers exposure to problems encountered by law enforcement officers on a daily basis and shows how to handle these situations in a professional manner. In Oregon's academy, approximately 80% of the students go on to law enforcement careers.

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